Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that rewards are given in the Police Department to those who work obediently and with interest ;

(*b*) since when it is done ;

(*c*) the amount granted for such rewards from July 1930 to June 1936 ;

(*d*) the amount so granted from July 1936 to June 1938 ?

A.—**The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT (Mr. B. T. Kesavaiengar).**—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) to (*d*) In view of the answer to question (*a*) above, these do not arise.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—Am I to understand from the printed answer that the system of giving rewards to the Police is not at all in vogue in the State ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The question is dealt with in Rules 134 to 140 of the Police Manual and rewards are granted in accordance with those rules.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—Could you not furnish the amount of rewards with reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The member's question refers to those who have worked obediently and with interest. Obedience and interest are virtues common to all men in that department, but rewards are given for more important reasons, *viz.*, skill in investigation of cases, display of courage and special aptitude for police work.

Mr. J. P. KHANDERAYA SETTY.—But would it not be possible to state the amount of rewards given for the special reasons referred to ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I am sorry it is not possible just now.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Is it a fact that one Police Inspector by name Mr. S. B. Basappa has been given a reward of Rs. 37 odd ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—Notice.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Has it not come to the notice of the Chief Secretary, through newspapers, that the fact of such a reward having been granted was brought to notice during the Viduraswatha Disturbances Enquiry ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—I remember to have read some such thing.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—For what reason was that reward granted ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—That question relates to one particular individual. It can be answered only after obtaining information from the department.

Mr. S. RANGARAMIAH.—Is there any rule or understanding to the effect that a reward should be awarded within a definite period of time after the merit for which the reward is meant comes to notice ?

Mr. B. T. KESAVAIENGAR.—The understanding is that rewards should be awarded as soon as possible.

Coffee Borer Pest.

Q.—29. **Mr. B. K. SOME GOWDA** (Manjarabad Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of plants per acre that have been destroyed by Borer pest in coffee lands of Hassan District ;

(*b*) the number of plants per acre that have been destroyed during this year ;

(*c*) the expenditure by way of salary, etc., of those that had gone for inspection last year ;

(*d*) how much has been spent this year ;

(*e*) the help that the Agricultural Department rendered last year for the loss of so many Coffee plants by Borer pest ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. M. Venkatanaranappa).**—

(*a*) 87 plants per acre on the average.

(*b*) It is not possible to give correct figures till after the close of the work in December.

(*c*) Rs. 2,454-5-0.

(*d*) Figures will be available after the close of the work.

(*e*) (i) The compulsory and timely destruction of the borer-affected coffee plants, allowed to remain mixed up with healthy ones or thrown about in the estates or by the road side. This measure saved lakhs of healthy plants from the ravage of the Borer pest.

(ii) In addition to the above measure, advice and help were rendered to the planters in other borer control methods, *viz.*, scrubbing of the plant stems, hand-picking of the borer beetles and application of tar emulsion stem washes.

(iii) Large numbers of departmental circulars in Kannada and English with regard to the borer control methods to be adopted by the planters were distributed among the planters.

Capital Outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway.

Q.—30. **Mr. B. A. SAMPATH** (Hassan Municipality) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the capital outlay on Bangalore-Chikballapur Light Railway;

(*b*) whether they are aware that the capital cost has been raised by shares;

(*c*) whether they are aware that 4 per cent interest is being paid on the said share capital;

(*d*) whether it is not in conformity with the guarantee afforded by Government;

(*e*) whether it is possible to pay 4 per cent out of the income derived from this Railway?

A.—**The FINANCIAL SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT.**—

(*a*) Rs. 16,23,301 to the end of 1937-38.

(*b*) Yes. Partly (Rs. 6,95,766).

(*c*) Yes, till 1945.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) No.

Feeder Channel from Sathehalla to Konanur Doddakere.

Q.—31. **Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH** (Arkalgud Taluk) and all the other members of Hassan District.

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether survey operations have been finished and estimates prepared for the construction of a feeder channel from Satehalla to Konanur Doddakere as promised by Government in reply to Question No. 27 of October Session of 1937;

(*b*) if survey is completed, the estimated cost therefor;

(*c*) whether the details of this survey and the plan and estimate can be placed on the table of this House?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**

(*a*) Survey work has been completed. Plans and estimates are under preparation.

(*b*) The estimate is not yet ready.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) above.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—Has the survey for the entire project been completed?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—What is the extent of land which the project is expected to benefit?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The survey has just been completed. Details can be known only after the preparation of the estimate.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—There are 4 or 5 minor tanks on the way. Has any survey been conducted for the improvement of those tanks also?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No separate survey is necessary. Tanks on the way will be improved in the usual course.

Mr. K. VENKATARAMIAH.—If that is so, I am thankful. Otherwise, may I specially plead that Government provide for the improvement of those minor tanks also as part of this project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. This will be seen to.